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SUBJECT: MBFR: FRG REDRAFT OF PARA 3BIS

1. WE MET WITH RUTH ON OCTOBER 16 TO OBTAIN THE FRG'S REDRAFT OF PARA 3BIS. RUTH SAID THAT IN CASE THE LANGUAGE SET FORTH BELOW IS ACCEPTABLE AND THE US WANTS TO INTRODUCE IT INTO THE SPC, THE FRG COULD SUPPORT SUCH A MOVE. RUTH ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT IT MIGHT FACILITATE MATTERS IF THE US AND FRG NATO REPS WERE TO BECOME THE FOCAL POINT FOR RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM, SINCE THEY ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO GAUGE PROSPECTIVE REACTIONS BY OTHER DELEGATIONS.

2. BEGIN FRG TEXT: THE ALLIES AGREE THAT

- THE NUCLEAR REDUCTION PACKAGE CONTAINS ONLY US ELEMENTS

- THE FOCUS ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND ON REDUCING THE DISPARITY IN MAIN BATTLE TANKS WILL BE MAINTAINED

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- THEY WILL FIRMLY RESIST ANY EASTERN ATTEMPT TO

SECURE FURTHER REDUCTIONS OF NUCLEAR, AIR OR OTHER
EQUIPMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR EASTERN AGREEMENT TO THE
ALLIED NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES

- REDUCTIONS IN NON-US ALLIED NUCLEAR, AIR OR
OTHER EQUIPMENT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST.
THE ALLIES

WILL THEREFORE COLLECTIVELY RESIST ANY EASTERN
ATTEMPT TO SECURE SUCH REDUCTIONS IN PHASE ONE

AND THEY WILL COLLECTIVELY RESIST ANY EASTERN
ATTEMPT TO SECURE COMMITMENTS TO SUCH REDUCTIONS IN
PHASE TWO. END FRG TEXT

3. IN CONCLUDING THE CONVERSATION, RUTH INDICATED
HE HAD JUST SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FRG NATO REP
ON THE ISSUE OF THE COLLECTIVE REDUCTION COMMITMENT.
THE FRG NATO REP HAS BEEN GIVEN SOME LATITUDE IN
PRESENTING THE POSITION IN THE SPC, AND RUTH WAS NOT
CERTAIN WHETHER THIS WOULD BE DONE TODAY OR NOT.
RUTH EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AN ALLIANCE
POSITION ON THIS MATTER. HE CITED PARA 34 OF
C - M (73) 83 (FINAL), NOTING FURTHER THAT THE FRG
WANTS TO BE FLEXIBLE REGARDING HOW PHASE II REDUC-
TIONS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE ALLIES.
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